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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I have lived in a small rural community for the last 35 years. I started off with competitive DSL and am using fiber connection to the internet today. It is essential to have competitive provider's because of the personal, expert service they provide. If I have a problem I call for help and they resolve the issue quickly and courteously. Competitive providers are necessary to people like myself because I cannot afford an increase in the cost of internet and telephone services.

Broadband is critical to me because I do a lot of shopping on the net for my daily necessities, for watching some of my favorite programs or movies. Competition brings out the best in people, they keep striving to do better than the other guy, to offer better services, lower prices a better company or business.

Sonic.net has been my provider for over 20 years now. I love that I can go to their office in about 15 or so minutes and actually speak to a person. It gives me that hometown feeling and their services are the best anyway, their prices are the lowest for around this area.

Please do not allow the telephone companies be the only game in town and don't allow them to raise the prices so much small town people like me won't be able to enjoy the internet.

I am 65 and disabled and one of the few pleasures is surfing the net, working on graphic tutorials from all around the world, shopping on Amazon, watching my favorite and looking up stuff on YouTube.

Please, please don't take away my local broadband provider.

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